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JANUARY 2010 CATTLE INVENTORY REPORT

SOUTH CAROLINA UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

All cattle and calves on **SOUTH CAROLINA** farms on January 1, 2010 were estimated at 380,000 head, the USDA, NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today. This number is unchanged from January 1, 2009 estimate. South Carolina ranks 38th among all states while Texas ranks first at 13.3 million head with Nebraska and Kansas coming in second and third at 6.25 and 6.00 million head, respectively.

The total inventory of 380,000 head includes 183,000 beef cows and 17,000 milk cows. Also included are 16,000 bulls, 36,000 beef replacement heifers, 8,000 milk replacement heifers, 13,000 other heifers, and 17,000 steers, all weighing 500 pounds or more. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds totaled 90,000. The South Carolina calf crop for 2009 totaled 165,000 head, unchanged from 2008.

U. S. SLIGHTLY BELOW LAST YEAR

All cattle and calves in the **United States** as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009. Other class estimates on January 1, 2010, and the change from January 1, 2009, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly. Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, down 2 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, up 2 percent. Other heifers, 9.7 million, up 1 percent. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly. Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, up slightly. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.

The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.